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1. While [] ship was entering the port of Arkhangelsk []
[] six naval vessels at anchor outside the control station, across the river from Chizhov Island (N 65-45, E 40-33). Each vessel was sixty to seventy feet long. The distance from the waterline to the top of the bow was about six feet. The bow was slightly slanted and there was a break in the deckline forward of amidships. Each vessel had two guns on the foredeck; they were placed side by side on the same base, and they were not protected by either a shield or a turret. The gun barrels pointed up, and the diameter of the barrels was about one and one-half inches. On the after-deck there was a mount with two guns similar to the ones on the foredeck. The vessels were numbered in the thirty series. 25X1
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2. At the wharf on Banny Island (N 64-34, E 40-31), there was an old rusty destroyer and a depot ship. [] 25X1
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3. At the same wharf there were twelve new wooden barges in the water; there were ten others under construction on shore. They were thirty-five to forty feet long and about ten feet wide. They had flat bottoms which curved up slightly at the bow. The vessels had no decks and they had a slight sheer at the gunwales. The stern was full-width and the sides curved in toward the bow so that the vessels had the shape of a flatiron. The barges in the water were painted black or tarred on the outside, and they were unpainted on the inside. The frames were solid and tight. [] 25X1
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4. [] did not see any landing strips at the airfield on Keg Island as [] ship passed the area. [] a number of twin-engined, green-painted aircraft parked on the field, and on another occasion [] several aircraft of the same type, which either landed or took off from the field. [] 25X1
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5. On several occasions [] jet aircraft which passed over Povrakul at a relatively low altitude on a southwesterly course. The aircraft followed a southerly course to a point slightly beyond Povrakul. They flew two by two [] 25X1

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in a row, and they were observed both during the day and at night. At night only the navigating lights were visible. Each aircraft had a thick nose, and delta wings which were either aligned along the leading edge, and slanting along the trailing edge, or conversely. (See sketch on page 3.)

6. The quay of Sawmill No. 22 was at Povrakul. A sounding was made with a handline at low tide; at about the middle of the quay the depth was 17 feet, 6 inches with a somewhat greater depth at each end. Informant's ship drew 20 feet aft at the time of departure. The after end of the ship was about two fathoms from the quay and leaned against the bank, which slanted from the pier out over the river.
7. A pontoon bridge was located as indicated on Admiralty Chart No. 2280. Even the largest types of trucks crossed over this bridge. On the Arkhangelsk side of the river the road turned toward the southwest and followed the course of the river. For pedestrians there was a flight of steps which led up to a streetcar stop on the Arkhangelsk side.
8. The new bridge was a short distance to the east of the pontoon bridge, but not as far east as Shilov Island (N 64-34, E 40-33). The new bridge appeared to be almost completed. On the Solombala side, there was a bridge pier on shore and another one a short distance out in the river. On the Arkhangelsk side, there was also a bridge pier on shore and another one in the river. The bridge piers were of a gray stone, which was probably not cement. There was a small span to the bridge so that the greatest free height above the surface of the water was about 17 or 18 meters. The span was painted a rusty brown.
9. There were a number of five-story stone buildings on the Arkhangelsk side of the river, between the pontoon bridge and the new bridge. 25X1
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On the Solombala side, about where Banny Island is located on Admiralty Chart 2280, many low buildings where sailors were quartered.
10. It was possible to travel from Povrakul to Arkhangelsk by streetcar but it was necessary to transfer and walk across the pontoon bridge. The streetcar line ended in a loop on the Solombala side. The streetcar ticket cost thirty kopeks.
11. 25X1
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two officers on a streetcar in Arkhangelsk, each of whom was carrying a roll of maps. They took some maps out and discussed them between themselves. 25X1
the Kamchatka Peninsula in the upper right-hand corner of a colored map, which was drawn to a very small scale. One of the officers wore a dark blue uniform with gold buttons and epaulettes. He had a blue cap with a gold oak wreath on the visor. The other officer had a gray-brown uniform with epaulettes and a gray-brown cap.
12. One day in Solombala 25X1
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a group of twenty to thirty girls who were between fifteen and eighteen years old. They wore dark blue skirts and blouses with gold buttons, and round caps. All of them were carrying books and writing tablets.

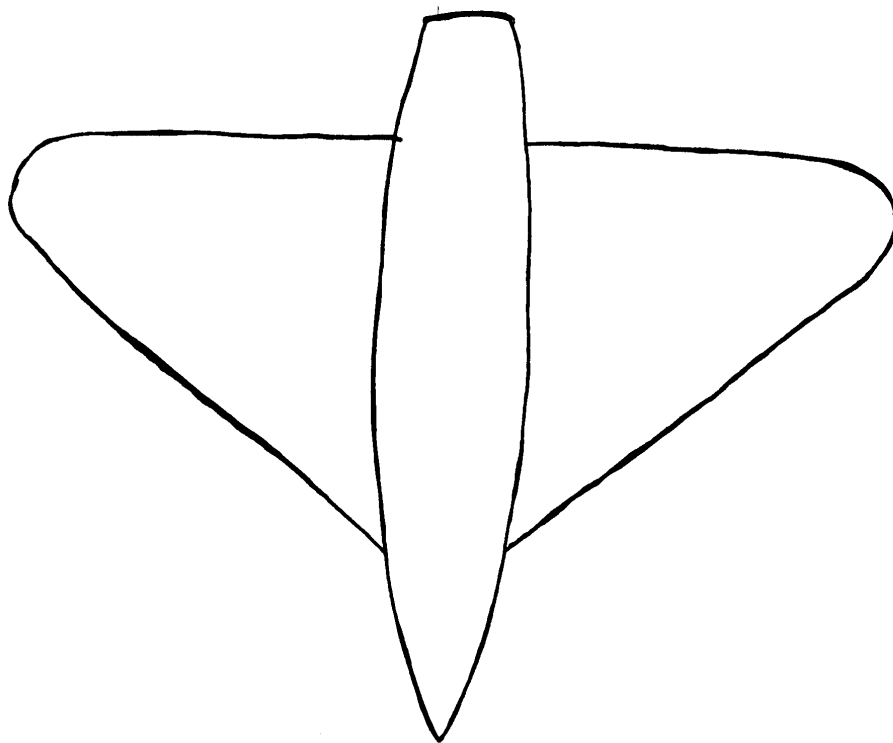
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Sketch of Soviet Aircraft



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